

The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, APRIL 24.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, trace. Temperature, Max. 80; Min. 70. Weather, fair; valley showers.

SUGAR—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.42c.; Per Ton, \$68.40. 88 Analysis Beets, 8s 6d; Per Ton, \$76.40.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1906.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

THE SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL COMMITTEE GIVES OUT NEWS OF OPTIMISTIC TENOR

Places the Dead at Three Hundred, and It Will Cost Only \$500,000 to Restore St. Francis.

ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAM TO THE PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER.

OAKLAND, California, April 25.—The General Committee has declared that the dead will number only three hundred.

Frame shelters for four thousand refugees have been built in Golden Gate Park.

Physicians and trained nurses refuse all compensation for their services.

Railway headquarters remain in San Francisco at the Ferry building.

The tower of the Ferry building is leaning, and workmen are now engaged in removing it.

It is believed that half a million dollars will restore the St. Francis Hotel.

There is abundance of lumber in the city.

A MOST OPTIMISTIC DISPATCH.

The above regular Associated Press cablegram, received by the Advertiser at about the usual time last night, shows not only that the big news organization has resumed its complete service, but it forms also the most optimistic budget that has yet come out of the stricken city. The death list given is unusually small. It was stated in the Associated Press cablegram sent to the Advertiser yesterday that there had been five hundred official interments, and many private funerals. In the Associated Press cablegram sent yesterday afternoon, and printed elsewhere in this paper, the statement is made that the known dead number one thousand, and that many besides were cremated in the cheap lodging houses. That would seem to be a reasonable estimate.

The General Committee would naturally be optimistic. Perhaps it will take weeks, and the official records to settle the exact number of victims of the disaster. And even this settlement may not be final, because it is probable that many injured by the earthquake shocks were later burned to death.

It is gratifying to know that the houseless are being cared for, and that the work of relieving distress progresses satisfactorily. It is gratifying, also, to read that the damage to buildings is not as great as first reported, as the statement with reference to the St. Francis Hotel would seem to indicate.

WILL TAKE THREE WEEKS TO COOL BANK VAULTS

(Associated Press Cablegram—Afternoon Service.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 24.—The excitement is subsiding and restoration of the city is dawning.

All destitution is ended and there has been practically no crime during the period of chaos.

All the bank vaults are probably safe and will be opened after cooling, which will require possibly three weeks.

The Coroner says that the known dead exceeds one thousand persons and probably many were cremated in the collapsed buildings that went down in the first earthquake. This is particularly true of the flimsy lodging houses.

Thousands are homeless and are camped in the public parks. Golden Gate Park is crowded.

There have been no further fires.

No fires are permitted in the dwellings now standing because it is feared the chimneys are unsafe. The people are cooking in the streets.

There are no lights and at night the city is in total darkness. There is no water except for drinking. The Fire Department is practically exterminated.

The U. S. Mint will soon furnish the bankers with temporary funds.

Temporary electric construction has been started on Market street.

The exodus of people continues. Free transportation is being furnished the refugees and no freight is received at the wharves except supplies.

General Greeley arrived and will supersede General Funston.

A hopeful outlook for payment of insurance fire losses.

Telegraphic communication is reaching a normal state.

Secretary Shaw directs the distribution of \$15,000,000 among the national banks.

School vacation has been announced until September.

A heavy rain drenched the unsheltered.

The municipal committee is planning the reconstruction of the city.

Oakland is congested with refugees. The relief work is systematic and excellent. The streets are patrolled by soldiers and



THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, SHOWING THE NEW WING ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE BUILDING, COMPLETED.

MONEY IS FORWARDED FOR RELIEF WORK

When the Ventura pulled out into the stream last night, she carried the following letter to James F. Morgan, the relief agent of the Governor's committee, who sailed on the Nippon Maru earlier in the day. With the letter went the money:

Apr. 24, 1906.

Per S. S. "VENTURA,"
Mr. James F. Morgan, care Alexander & Baldwin, Ltd., 1006 16th St., Oakland, Cal.

Dear Sir: On behalf of the Governor's Relief Committee, I have shipped to you by registered mail, 15 bags of gold, each containing \$1,000.00, insured in the Swiss Marine Insurance Co., Alexander & Baldwin, Ltd., Agents. I also send the following drafts to your order, each at 15 days sight, acceptance waived:

No. 42891, C. S. & Co. on Wells, Fargo Nevada Nat'l Bank	\$2,500
No. 119026, B. & Co. on the Bank of California	2,500
No. 1728, First Nat'l Bank on the Canadian Bank of Commerce, S. F.	2,500
and the following draft at sight by	
No. 6520, B. of H. on Wells, Fargo & Co.'s B'k, N. Y.	7,500

This remittance totals \$30,000. The drawings on the 'Frisco banks are made by time drafts for reasons which you will readily understand. While this remittance is being made up, more money is coming in which cannot go forward until the next steamer. We are confident that you can expect at least \$20,000.00, additional, at that time.

Please take notice that at a meeting of the General Committee this afternoon, it was voted that one-fourth of all the money sent to you be turned over by you, half and half, to the Japanese and Chinese Consuls, respectively, in San Francisco, for the relief of their countrymen; so that of this present remittance, you will please pay, at such time and manner as meets your approval, to

H. I. M.'s Japanese Consul	\$3,750
H. I. M.'s Chinese Consul	3,750

With nothing further to offer at this writing, and thanking you in advance on behalf of the Committee, for the self-sacrificing efforts which you are undertaking on behalf of this community and its friends in the stricken city, I remain

Yours very truly,

(Copy.)

L. T. PECK, Treasurer,
Governor's Relief Committee.

utmost efforts are being made to increase the water facilities. Business offices established in San Francisco suburbs, and in Oakland.

The sanitary situation is improving. Epidemics of disease are not likely. Sewers are in a better condition than was expected. The dynamiting of dangerous buildings on Market street is progressing.

Municipal offices have been established in the Western Addition.

Bankers are conferring daily.

The coming in of relief is unabated.

The hospitals are crowded.

Thousands of volunteer physicians and nurses have proffered their services.

Chinatown will not be permitted to rebuild.

The Chinese section will be transferred to the remote suburbs.

The spirit of the business community is uncrushed.

The San Francisco newspapers have established plants in Oakland.

FRASER IS BUSY FINDING PEOPLE

Sends Batches of Names to Ease the Minds of Relatives and Friends in Honolulu.

Last night Acting Governor Atkinson received his second message from Fraser during the day, telling of people inquired for who are safe and well in San Francisco:

SAN FRANCISCO (8:30 P. M.), April 24, 1906.

TO ATKINSON, Honolulu.

Following located safe and well:

JOHN E. DIAS, 349 Church street.

MISS DIAS.

PAUL MILLER, 351 Church street.

E. H. NAGLE, 3428 16th street.

MRS. NAGLE.

FRANK LEVY, Terminal Hotel.

WILLIAM R. CHILTON, Terminal Hotel.

JAMES ALO, 537 Oak street.

S. KUBEY, 1624 Post street.

"BERTHA and DORTCH" (or Berthand Dortch, probably).

F. L. DORTCH, 1811 Fillmore street.

ELSIE McLEAN, 526 Devisadero.

ALICE WAY, 957 Fell street.

ETHEL WAY.

MR. AND MRS. HOPVE (HOWE), 957 Fell street.

MRS. OLAF OMSTED, 776 14th street.

SHEILA SMITH, 1327 19th avenue.

E. F. CROSS, 19 Baker street.

W. A. UPP, 504 First avenue.

C. LEHMAN, 31 Buelah street.

HUGH SCHOLFIELD.

E. BUFFINGTON.

W. P. JONES, 1153 Octavia.

ALLAN JUDD.

F. CRANFORD, 361 10th avenue.

MRS. SARGENT, 1404 Sutter.

DR. COHN.

(Signed) FRASER.

The Acting Governor sent a message last night to Fraser, telling him that James F. Morgan, commissioned by the Relief Committee, was coming to San Francisco on the Nippon Maru, and asking him to be on the lookout for him.

Mr. Fraser will therefore be prepared to get into touch with Mr. Morgan on his arrival in San Francisco, and the work of relieving the distress of the Honolulu people in the city and searching for those who are still missing will be greatly expedited.

DETAILS AS TO ISLAND SHIPPING.

Yesterday morning Acting Governor Atkinson received the
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